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# HOME LOAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION REPORTS EARNINGS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2001

Coshocton, Ohio, April 18, 2001 – Home Loan Financial Corporation (Nasdaq:HLFC), the parent company of The Home Loan Savings Bank, today announced net income of \$339,000, or \$.21 basic and diluted earnings per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2001 compared to net income of \$246,000, or \$.15 basic and diluted earnings per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2000, an increase of \$93,000, or 37.8%.

The increase in earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2001 compared with March 31, 2000, was primarily attributable to an increase in net interest income of \$166,000, partially offset by increases in noninterest expense of \$40,000 and income tax expense of \$64,000.

The increase in net interest income was primarily due to an increase in average earning assets and an increase in net interest margin. The net interest margin for the three months ended March 31, 2001 was 4.03% compared to 3.83% for the three months ended March 31, 2000.

Return on average equity and return on average assets for the three months ended March 31, 2001 were 6.68% and 1.12%, respectively. Return on average equity and return on average assets for the nine months ended March 31, 2001 were 6.84% and 1.12%, respectively. The book value of HLFC's common stock was \$11.19 per share as of March 31, 2001 compared to \$10.04 per share as of March 31, 2000, an increase of \$1.15, or 11.5%.

Total assets at March 31, 2001 were \$122.1 million compared to June 30, 2000 assets of \$113.7 million, an increase of \$8.4 million, or 7.4%. The increase in total assets was primarily in loans, which increased \$8.7 million. Total deposits at March 31, 2001 were \$71.3 million compared to June 30, 2000 deposits of \$65.0 million, an increase of \$6.3 million, or 9.9%. Total equity at March 31, 2001 was \$20.5 million compared to \$19.4 million at June 30, 2000.

Home Loan Financial Corporation and The Home Loan Savings Bank are headquartered at 401 Main Street, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. The Bank has two offices in Coshocton, Ohio and a branch in West Lafayette, Ohio.

#### HOME LOAN FINANCIAL CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

	March 31, 2001	June 30, 2000				
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,584,457	\$ 2,236,265				
Securities available for sale	3,281,500	3,417,675				
Mortgage-backed securities available for sale	18,122,162	18,422,861				
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	1,652,500	1,564,100				
Loans, net	94,599,586	85,852,772				
Premises and equipment	1,100,154	1,148,897				
Accrued interest receivable	620,535	585,128				
Other assets	168,288	503,150				
Total assets	\$122,129,182	\$113,730,848				
LIABILITIES						
Deposits	\$ 71,345,844	\$ 64,951,022				
Federal Home Loan Bank advances	29,225,000	28,625,000				
Accrued interest payable	561,505	447,463				
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	506,517	258,755				
Total liabilities	101,638,866	94,282,240				
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Preferred stock, no par value, 500,000 shares aut	thorized					
none outstanding	monzeu,					
Common stock, no par value, 9,500,000 shares a	outhorized	<b></b>				
2,248,250 shares issued	iuiiioi izeu,					
	14,083,151	14,083,151				
Additional paid-in capital						
Retained earnings-substantially restricted	13,117,035	12,665,932				
Unearned employee stock ownership plan shares		(1,873,155)				
Unearned recognition and retention plan shares	(678,766)	(832,265)				
Treasury stock, at cost – 417,037 shares at	(4,447,839)	(3,989,862)				
March 31, 2001 and 353,657 shares at June 30, 2000						
Accumulated other comprehensive income	99,645	(605,193)				
Total shareholders' equity	20,490,316	19,448,608				
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$122,129,182</u>	<u>\$113,730,848</u>				

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Total interest income	\$2,400,949	\$2,050,897	\$7,106,046	\$6,078,474
Total interest expense	1,221,784	1,038,038	3,600,626	2,989,028
Net interest income	1,179,165	1,012,859	3,505,420	3,089,446
Provision for loan losses	15,000	30,000	45,000	90,000
Net interest income after				
provision for loan losses	1,164,165	982,859	3,460,420	2,999,446
Total noninterest income	77,502	61,985	233,346	192,140
Total noninterest expense	718,986	679,265	2,096,388	2,014,172
Income before income				
tax expense	522,681	365,579	1,597,378	1,177,414
Income tax expense	183,500	119,700	575,000	426,500
Net income	<u>\$ 339,181</u>	<u>\$ 245,879</u>	<u>\$1,022,378</u>	<u>\$ 750,914</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$ .21</u>	<u>\$ .15</u>	\$ .63	<u>\$ .44</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ .21</u>	<u>\$ .15</u>	\$ .63	<u>\$ .44</u>

## **KEY OPERATING RATIOS**

	As of or For The Three Months Ended March 31,		As of or For The Nine Months Ended March 31,	
	2001	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Net interest margin	4.03%	3.83%	4.08%	3.97%
Return on average assets	1.12%	0.90%	1.12%	0.94%
Return on average equity	6.68%	5.08%	6.84%	5.10%
Total equity to total assets	16.78%	17.39%	16.78%	17.39%
Common shares outstanding	1,831,213	1,927,593	1,831,213	1,927,593
Book value per share	\$11.19	\$10.04	\$11.19	\$10.04
Nonperforming assets to				
Total assets	0.14%	0.04%	0.14%	0.04%